

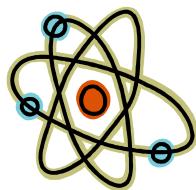
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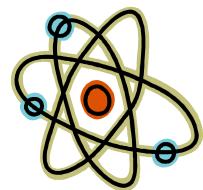
Twin Cities Area Church Library Association

Mission Statement: To energize Church Library Ministry through education, resource sharing, spiritual encouragement and fellowship.

Fall 2014



Energize and Learn!



TCACLA Fall Workshop
October 11, 2014

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Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Our featured speaker will be **Katy Tessman Stanoch**, with an inspirational message based on her book entitled “Our Mama Is a Beautiful Garden.”

Back by popular demand is a workshop on Book Repair. A big “thanks” go to volunteer members who will present on the following topics: developing or revising your mission statement and determining policies, designing and making posters and other helps for getting people to use the library, and making and displaying creative miniature displays. There will be two workshop sessions where you will have your choice of 2 programs to attend.



Plan to bring your gently used books for the book swap. In addition to the book swap Calvary is hosting a used book sale. A short schedule for the day and the registration form are on page 7.

Judy Ekback, Inspirational Resources – New Releases, Best Sellers

The always popular owner of Inspirational Resources is back to update us on the latest books that our readers may enjoy – fiction and nonfiction, children – teens – adults. Copies will be available for sale at the meeting.

General Information

TCACLA is a non-profit support organization serving church librarians. Membership is open to individual and churches of all Christian denominations that desire to network with others on library development and enrichment.

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UPDATE ON 2015 OFFICER POSITIONS

Elections of the 2015 board members will occur during the business meeting at the Fall Workshop. As of this writing, no candidates have come forward to run for the open positions of President and Vice President, nor has anyone indicated a willingness to accept a nomination.

If the open positions aren't filed by December 31, 2014, the date that the current officers' positions expire, a membership meeting will be scheduled in early 2015 to vote on the dissolution of our organization, per the terms of our constitution.

No one regrets this possibility more than the current board members. Many of us have been members for many years and have greatly benefited from the education, networking, and fellowship that our membership in TCACLA has provided to us. We are truly sorry to have reached this point. However, the organization can't continue with just the 4 of us. TCACLA is a small group. In order to succeed, we need all of our members to step forward in various capacities – hosting a meeting, working on a committee, presenting a program, and – yes – serving as an officer.

Please contact any current board member for more information. Our contact information is on the sidebar of this page.



Treasurer's Report

Members:	33 churches
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6/30/2014	\$1,223.36
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-\$49.60	Summer Off the Shelf
-\$13.00	Website Expenses

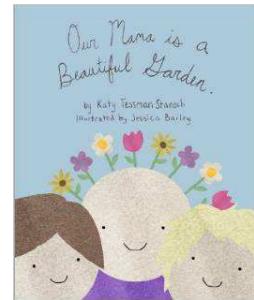
8/31/2014	\$1,160.76
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE AUTHOR

Katy Tessman Stanoch – Author of *Our Mama is a Beautiful Garden*

In 2009, Katy Tessman Stanoch was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her treatment included a double mastectomy, 8 chemotherapy treatments, and several reconstructive surgeries. During the hardest physical battle of Katy's life, her sons, Louis and Maxwell, were aged 6 and 3. When she couldn't find a book she could read to them to explain what was happening to her, she wrote her own.

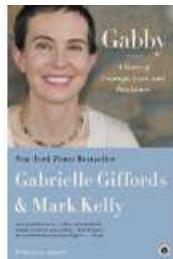
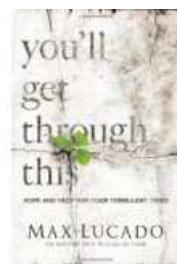
The book is told through her sons' voices, using a garden analogy. Per Louis, "Mama explained to us that cancer is like a really bad weed in her garden. It had to be taken out of her body right away." Each step in the cancer treatment is described in simple language, along with how the boys are impacted – their fears, seeing Mama lose her hair, being cared for by Grandpa and Grandma, watching Mama receive cards and casseroles from friends, and the family's joy when Mama recovers.



You'll Get Through This

by Max Lucado

Sometimes the challenges of life threaten to overwhelm us. Whatever your crisis is, life seems to change dramatically and not for the better. Lucado encourages readers to share the Biblical story of Joseph whose life didn't end in the pit and neither does yours.



Gabby: A story of Courage and Hope

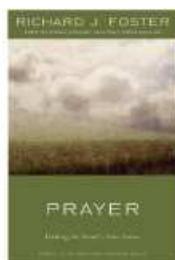
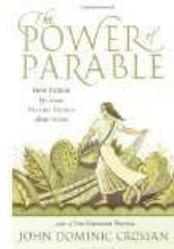
by Gabrielle Giffords

This book is a reminder that our time here on earth is fleeting and unpredictable at best, about embracing love and not greed, honor rather than expediency, a lasting legacy instead of short-term satisfaction, and the power of true grit.

The Power of Parable

by John Dominic Crossan

This is a meaningful exploration of the metaphorical stories told by Jesus and how the Gospels' writers sought to explain Him to the world.



Prayer - Finding the Heart's True Home

by Richard J. Foster

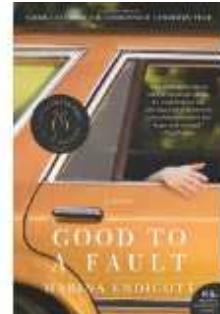
This Quaker theologian and author provides a comprehensive survey of 21 kinds of prayer designed to help draw readers to prayer and to a deeper relationship with oneself, God and others.



Good to a Fault

by Marina Endicott

Good to a Fault is an insightful novel, gently examining, via an engaging story line, some fundamental moral/ethical issues, without becoming “preachy” or judgmental. The major focus for Endicott is why people “do good,” their motivations, developed through the perspectives of several of the characters. Clary, the 43 year old spinster who takes in three small children and their not very likeable grandmother after a motor vehicle accident, is the main focus, but Paul the conflicted Anglican priest; Mrs. Zenko who is Clary’s kindly neighbor; Grace, Moreland and their daughter Fern who are Clary’s cousins; and Darwin, the uncle of the three children are also “doers of good” for different reasons and in different ways.



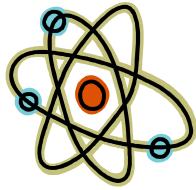
The second area of focus for Endicott is that of class differences in child rearing and what’s better for kids – to be raised with semi itinerant, impoverished and erratic parents, who in their own somewhat limited ways, love them, or with an alternative parent who is middle class, boundary setting, reliable and also loving.

The third of Endicott’s themes is how people are affected by death, actual or anticipated.

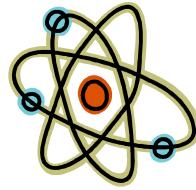
These thought provoking issues are sensitively explored through the well-drawn and likeable, but flawed cast of characters. The perspectives of the children, particularly the 9 year old Dolly, are beautifully portrayed. At times the narrative borders on the sentimental, but it is well crafted, and because it is strongly underpinned by some fundamental issues of the human experience, it is raised above the level of just a good read, to something more complex and satisfying. The conclusion is perhaps predictable, and might be regarded by the more cynical reader as altogether too neat and clichéd. Others will regard it as a satisfactory resolution.

TCACLA invites you to write a book review
or just tell us about a summer book you’ve enjoyed.
Send the information to otseditor@gmail.com





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Directions to Calvary Lutheran Church

7520 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427

From the East

1. Take I-94 W to I-394 W.
2. Go North on Hwy 100 from I-394.
3. Exit onto Hwy 55 and go West.
4. Follow Hwy 55 W and take a right at the Rhode Island Avenue stoplight.
5. Follow Rhode Island Avenue and take a right onto Golden Valley Road.

From the West

1. Take I-394 E.
2. Go North on Hwy 169 from I-394.
3. Exit onto Hwy 55 and go East.
4. Follow Hwy 55 E and take a left at the Rhode Island Avenue stoplight.
5. Follow Rhode Island Avenue and take a right onto Golden Valley Road.

From Hwy 100

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From Hwy 169

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Twin Cities Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 8:30 am

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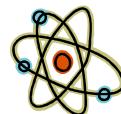
The Program will have more detail.

- 8:30 Registration (muffins and beverages)
- 9:00 Welcome, Devotions, Business Meeting
- 9:30 Author presentation "Our Mama is a Beautiful Garden"
- 10:30 Break (Book swap is all morning, library/church tour, Calvary used book sale)
- 10:50 Workshop I: Mini Book Displays or Book Repair (two choices)
- 11:35 Workshop II: The Church Library: A Welcoming Place or Operating Your Church Library (two choices)
- 12:20 Lunch
- 1:00 New Releases, Best Sellers

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MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

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Note : Please pre-register by October 3, 2014

Your Church name _____

City _____

Name(s) of person(s) attending _____

Number of TCACLA **member** registrants: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Number of **non-member** registrants: _____ x \$20.00= _____

Standard meal _____ Vegetarian meal _____



Write check payable to: TCACLA.

Mail registration form and checks to:

Laura Dirks, 333 8th Street SE, Apt. 206, Minneapolis, MN 55414-1246



SAVE THE DATE!

The fall TCACLA
meeting is

October 11, 2014

At Calvary Lutheran Church,
Golden Valley, MN



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